



The State of New Hampshire
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Thomas S. Burack, Commissioner



November 4, 2013

Mr. Curtis Spalding
Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region I
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: Withdrawal of Ozone Attainment Demonstration Dated June 30, 1998

Dear Administrator Spalding:

As Governor Hassan's designee, I hereby withdraw New Hampshire's One-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration, dated June 30, 1998, with respect to the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester former one-hour ozone nonattainment area.

On October 30, 2012, EPA issued a final determination that the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester area met the now revoked one-hour ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard in 1999, the area's original attainment date. (77 Federal Register 65625) In that same Federal Register Notice, EPA also determined that the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester area continues to meet the now revoked one-hour standard. Because of this "Clean Data Determination," there are no additional obligations under the revoked one-hour standard for the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester area, and therefore the One-hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration dated June 30, 1998 is no longer required and is no longer relevant. New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) appreciates the efforts of EPA's staff in addressing all of New Hampshire's State Implementation Plan submittals. However, rather than devote the resources of EPA and DES to final review and action on the 1998 One-Hour Ozone Attainment Demonstration, DES believes that withdrawing the Attainment Demonstration with respect to the Portsmouth-Dover-Rochester former one-hour ozone nonattainment area is preferable, since it is no longer required for that area.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (603) 271-6791 or Barbara Hoffman of my staff at (603) 271-7874.

Sincerely,

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Director
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